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IN VACATION.

Vis Major on the Bowery.—Justice Alfred Page, of New York, tells the following story:

"A resident of the Bowery took an accident insurance policy and then fell ill of pleurisy. He brought action against the insurance company and lost in the municipal court, which decided that pleurisy was not an accident, but a visitation of God. The superior court reversed the finding on the ground that a visitation of God to a resident of the Bowery was an accident."—Ex.

Picking Seasons.—Sir John Kirk, who recently celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of work in connection with the Ragged School Union, tells an amusing anecdote of how he once questioned a London waif whom he had befriended as to his method of earning a living.

The young fellow's reply was typical of the London street arab.

"Well, guv'nor," he said, "it's like this. I picks strawberries in the summer, I picks 'ops in the autumn, in the winter I picks pockets, and as a rule, I'm pickin' oakum for the rest of the year."—St. Louis Star.

Premature Punishment.—The doctor and the lawyer had a difference one evening.

"I tell you," the lawyer later told a clergyman, "doctors are callous brutes, with not a spark of human feeling within them."

"Come, come," replied the clergyman, trying to calm his friend, "that's rather a sweeping statement, you know."

"Not a bit of it," declared the lawyer. "Why, when I was ill a few weeks ago and suffering untold agonies, I sent for the doctor. 'Doctor,' I moaned, 'I'm suffering the torments of hell.' 'What! Already?' was his unfeeling retort."—Minneapolis Tribune.